

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed June 22, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of the present Application, Claims 5, 7, 11, and 17 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

The drawings stand objected to for various informalities. Formal drawings are attached herewith. In addition, marked up and replacement drawing sheets of the formal drawings are attached herewith that address the informalities identified by the Examiner in FIGUREs 2 and 5.

The Abstract of the Disclosure stands objected to for excessive length. The Abstract has been amended to address the excessive length identified by the Examiner in accordance with M.P.E.P. §608.01(b). For the Examiner's convenience, attached herewith is a clean version of a new Abstract.

The specification stands objected to for various informalities. The specification has been amended to address the informalities identified by the Examiner.

Claims 5, 7, and 11-20 stand objected to for minor informalities. Claims 5, 7, 11, and 17 have been amended to address the informalities identified by the Examiner.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-20.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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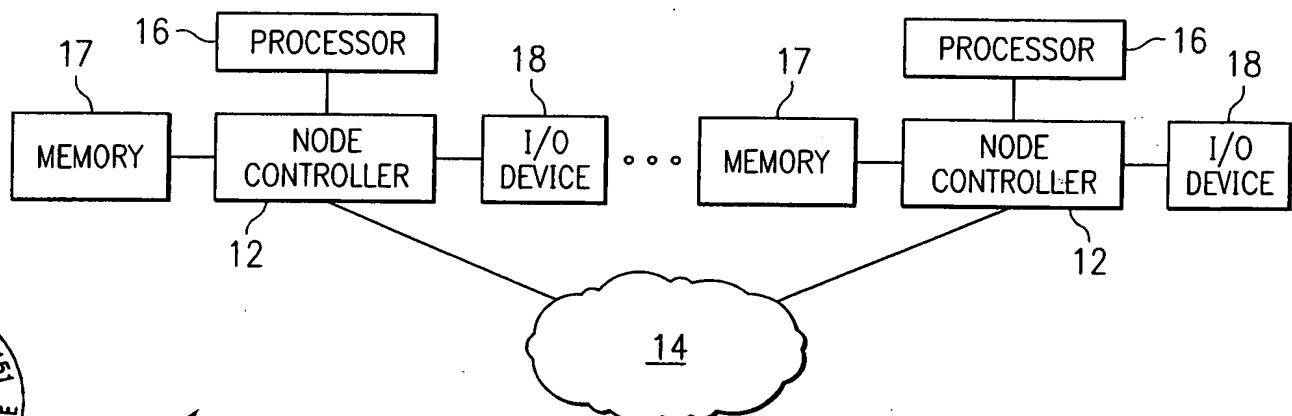


FIG. 1

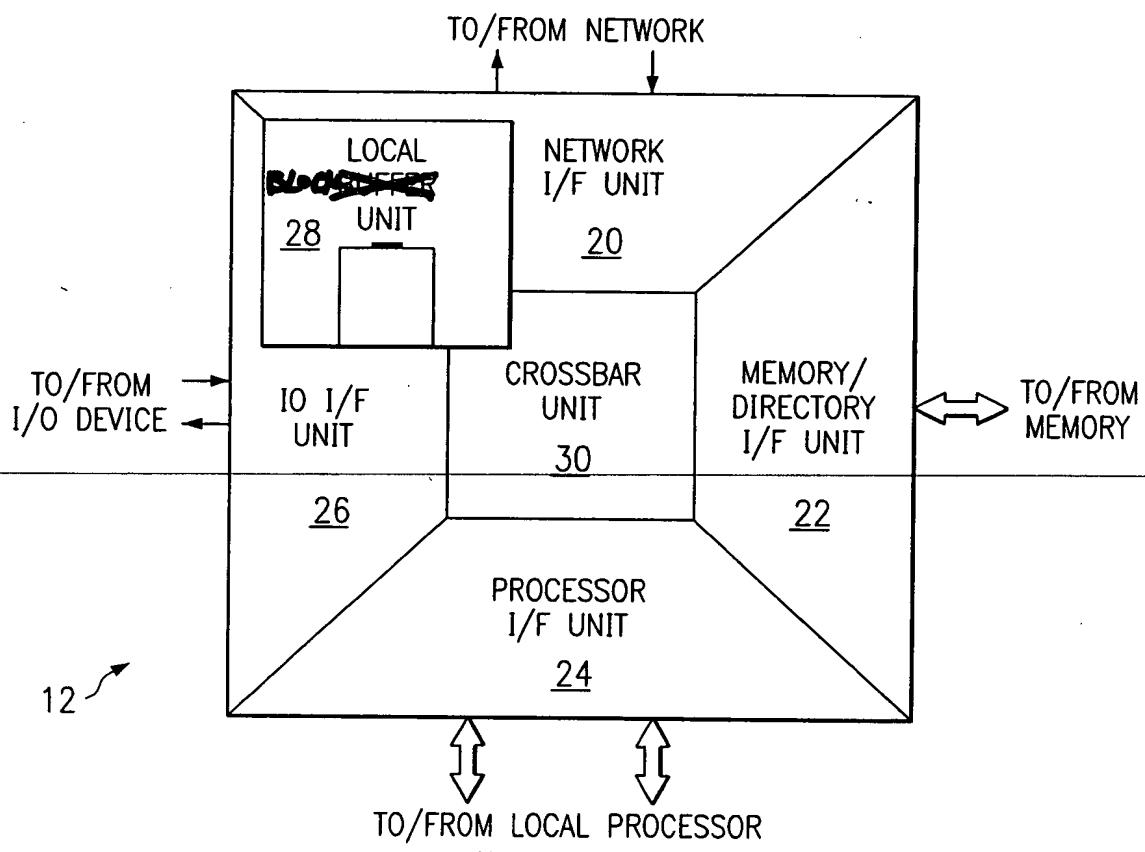


FIG. 2

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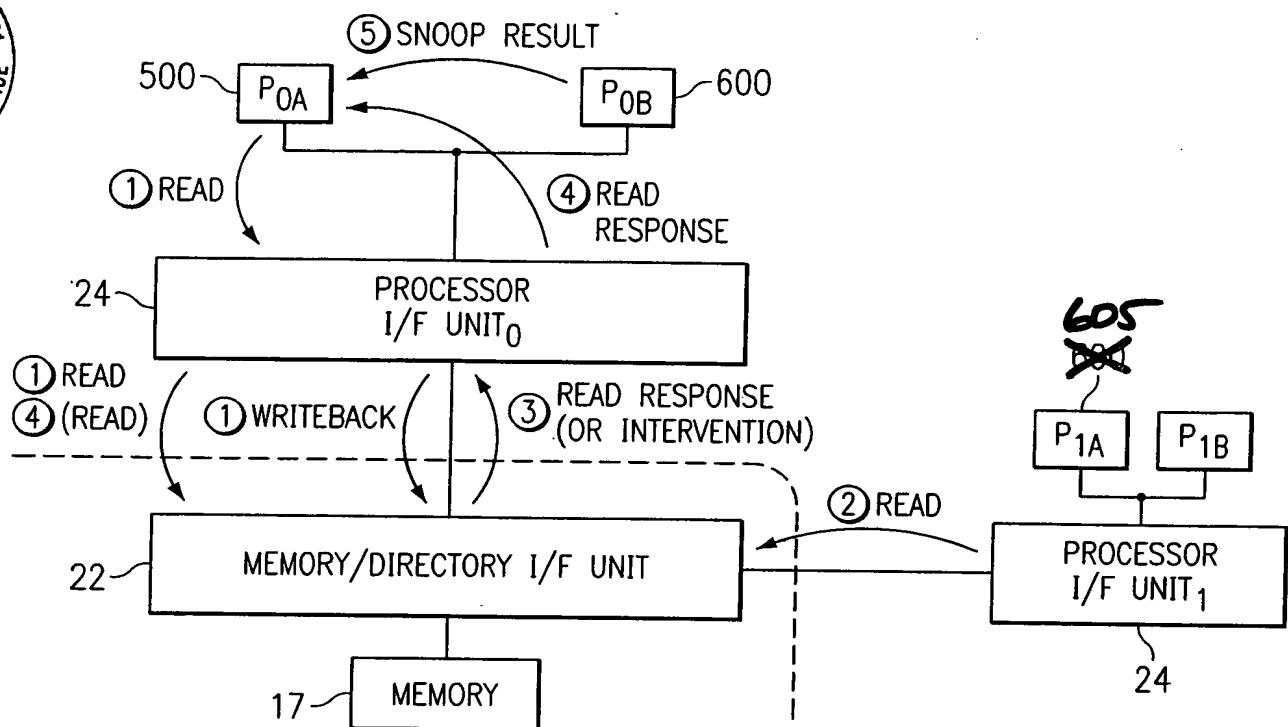


FIG. 5

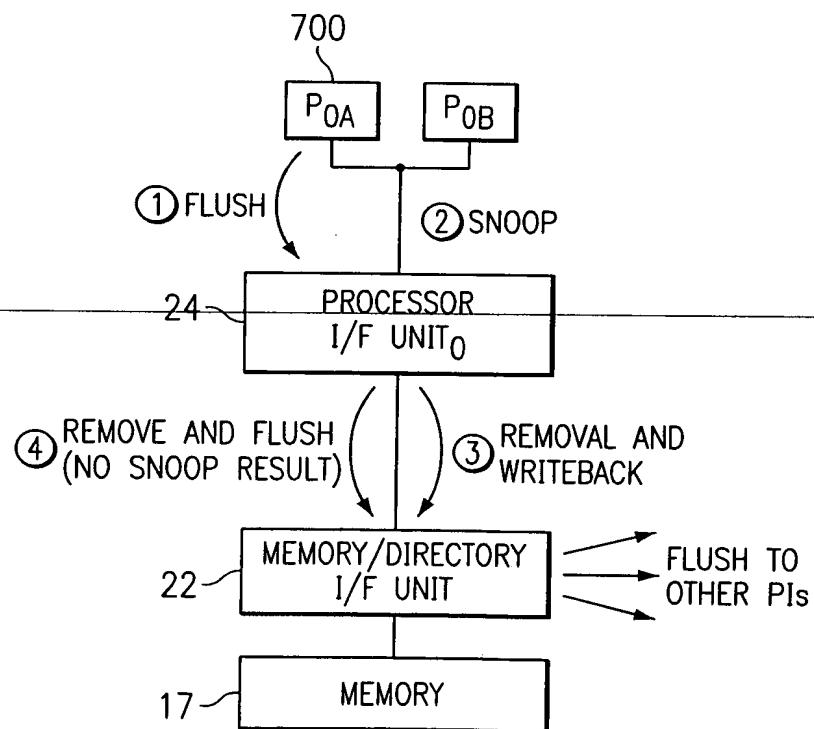


FIG. 6